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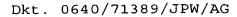
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Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO JANUARY 19, 2005 OFFICE ACTION

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 19, 2005 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the January 19, 2005 Office Action is due April 19, 2005. Therefore, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows: